



Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller

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Former Sequatchie County Middle School Bookkeeper Indicted for Theft

A special investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the arrest of Rebecca Daughtrey, a former bookkeeper at Sequatchie County Middle School.

Investigators determined that Daughtrey took at least \$18,322 from the school between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2012. It is possible that more money was stolen, however investigators believe Daughtrey discarded or destroyed records.

Comptroller investigators say Daughtrey stole school fundraiser collections and failed to deposit ticket money from at least six athletic events. She kept the cash for her own benefit.

Rebecca Daughtrey was arrested by the Sequatchie County Sheriff's Office and charged with theft over \$10,000.



"Schools are especially vulnerable to fraud, waste and abuse when one person receives and deposits all the money collected," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "At the very least, an administrator should review the monthly bank statements. Unfortunately, Sequatchie County Middle School did not have these basic controls in place."

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>

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